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Ms. Sandra Zyrkowski
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H/E Case No 344/78/5

~~Isso~~ petition denied
11/78 - for Italy

Dear Ms. Zyrkowski:

I am writing to you as a member of Amnesty International Group # 90. Our group has been working for the release of one Osvaldo M. Paviolo. He is a member of the Luz y Fuerza Union and was arrested in October 1974.

I have been in contact with Marketa Freund, the South American coordinator for Amnesty, and she suggested that I write to you.

We have had a lot of difficulty with this case and only recently learned his correct name, Osvaldo M. Paviolo. This name appears on a prisoner list. His last known location was U7 de Resistencia, Chaco, Argentina.

I wrote to the consular officer, K. F. Sackett, and he promptly wrote me back; however, he could furnish me with little new information, only that Paviolo has not applied for a visa to the USA. He also confirmed our belief that the prisoners who were moved out of the Resistencia Prison (Paviolo could well be among those moved) were distributed among La Plata Prison in La Plata; Caseros Prison in Buenos Aires; and Rawson Prison in Chubut Province.

We know that Paviolo had a visa (we do not know to which country), but his Writ of Option ("Derecho de Opcion") was refused. We are assuming therefore, that he has family members working on his behalf.

We now turn to you. Can you help us locate Osvaldo M. Paviolo? Is there a means by which Mr. Paviolo could apply for the US Hemispheric Parole program? Could you locate his family's address? Could a US Embassy official contact the family and invite them to make an application for the US Hemispheric Parole Program?

I thank you in advance for any help you may extend us.

Very truly yours,

Pat Lamkie
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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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Exemption(s): *B6*

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